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ALLARD GAINS SEAT ON BUDGET COMMITTEE BECOMES FIRST COLORADO SENATOR SINCE HANK BROWN TO SERVE ON KEY SENATE COMMITTEE

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) has gained a seat on the important Senate Budget Committee. Allard was informed by Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott and Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici (R-NM) on Tuesday that he had been selected for the key Senate committee. His appointment to the Budget Committee will become official next week when the entire Republican Conference formally approves all new committee appointments.

"I am very honored and pleased to have been appointed to the Senate Budget Committee," Allard said. "The Budget Committee is an extremely important committee because it effects every area considered by Congress."

Allard said as a member of the Budget Committee he will push for tax cuts such as elimination of the marriage penalty tax and repeal of the estate tax, along with a continuation of his efforts to pay down the national debt.

"My priorities on Budget Committee are going to remain the legislative priorities I have pushed for in the Senate," added Allard. "I am going to be a strong voice for tax reform and putting in place a long-term plan to pay down the national debt."

Allard becomes the first Colorado U.S. Senator to serve on the Budget Committee since former Senator Hank Brown in 1996.

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